

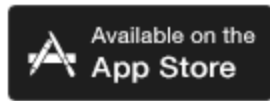


## Fellowship This Week

- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesday, 6:30am @Rudys' BBQ,
- **Monday night after work** at Big Brew on Main 5:30pm
- **Online Bible Reading Club**-sign up by emailing [admin@trinitynorman.com](mailto:admin@trinitynorman.com).

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**Submit a Prayer Request:** How can we pray with & for you?

**Tri-Pres Daily:** Daily encouragement & notifications.

**Sermon & Worship Archives:** Always building more resources. We hope to have more videos, music, Sunday school and Catechism lessons in the future.

### **Avenues & Instructions for Giving:**

Each week tithes & offerings are collected during the service.

They can be dropped in the plate by the front door. Or through:

Online giving is at [trinitynorman.com](http://trinitynorman.com) or through the Trinity Norman App.

Text giving: text "trinitynorman" to 77977.

By mail: P O Box 6016, Norman, OK 73070.

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***"Man's Chief End Is to Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever."***



**Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman  
Order for the Worship of God  
Sunday, January 3, 2021 – 10:30-11:45 am  
[Trinitynorman.com](http://Trinitynorman.com)**



**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN**  
A Church for Norman

**"Glorifying God & Enjoying Him Forever."  
"May it be that through the Church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known" – Ephesians 3:10**

## Pre-Service Meditation

Our Father, we would earnestly ask that every believer here may feel the power of the sprinkled blood most vividly and consciously. May we hear Jesus say by it, "Ye are clean, clean, every whit"; and may we have a sense of entire security, because thou hast thyself said it—"When I see the blood I will pass over you." This is the blood of our Passover, and no destroying angel can touch us."

-Charles Spurgeon, from a prayer and sermon on Romans 8:14ff preached April 11, 1880.

"Romans is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes."

- Martin Luther, "Preface to the Epistle of the Romans." 1522.

"I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

-Charles Wesley, after hearing *Luther's Preface to Romans* read.

By the standards of the day, Paul's introduction [to Romans] 'was extraordinarily long.' In comparison with Paul's other epistolary greetings, it is remarkably "theologically complex." This length and complexity were not required by literary convention. They are Paul's way of signaling important concepts and themes that will surface throughout Romans.

-Guy Prentiss Waters, from *A Biblical & Theological Introduction to the New Testament*.

<sup>25</sup> Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. (Romans 16:25-27)

## **Responding to the Word Preached**

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### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

#### **Institution of the Lord's Supper**

**Mark 14:23-25**

22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." 23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. 24 And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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#### **Communion Hymn:**

**"In Christ Alone"**

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#### **Closing Words & Announcements**

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#### **Hymn of Commitment**

**#585**

**"Take My Life & Let It Be."**

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#### **Benediction**

**Romans 16:20**

Minister: "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!**

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#### **Further Questions for Study & Meditation:**

Question ONE: What is Salvation History and how are Christians today placed within that history? What significance might our place in that history have?

Question TWO: We can misunderstand words when we do not know the context in which they are spoken and written. Consider times when you misunderstood someone because you did not recognize the context. What are some examples?

Question THREE: What is Paul's relationship to Jesus? How does this inspire trust and confidence in scripture?

Question FOUR: What is the office of the apostle? Why do we not have apostles in the contemporary church?

Question FIVE: What is the definition of the gospel?

Question SIX: How does your knowledge of the gospel help you relate better to Paul?



## Words of Assurance

1 John 1:5-7

“This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

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## Confession of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Hymn of Assurance #521

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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## We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

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### Offertory Prayer

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### Collection of Tithes & Offerings

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### Offering Hymn

Doxology #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Congregational Prayer

The leader prays to Almighty God on behalf of the congregation and himself. This prayer includes adoration of God for who He is, confession of our sins against Him, thanksgiving for all of His manifold benefits to us, and supplication for our needs. The prayer is especially designed to help prepare the hearts and minds of God's people for the preaching of God's word which is to follow.

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## Children's Catechism Lesson

“After Eden”

Q. 31. What was the sin of our first parents?

A. Eating the forbidden fruit.

Q. 32. Who tempted them to this sin?

A. The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.

Q. 33. What befell our first parents when they had sinned?

A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

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## Receiving the Word of God

Sermon: Romans 1:1

“Why You Should Listen to Paul”

(If able, please stand for the reading of God's word) Rev. Justin Westmoreland

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Big Point: An adequate understanding of the author of this letter's identity should draw us to carefully and enthusiastically examine Jesus and His gospel.

I. Paul is a servant of Christ Jesus

II. Paul was called to be an apostle by Christ Jesus

III. Paul was set apart for the gospel of God about Christ Jesus